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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/977)*]

56/295. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/227 B of 14 June 2001,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 97.3 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other

[1] A/56/763 and A/56/802.
[2] A/56/887 and Add.6.

Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 344,966,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 330 million dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 13,364,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,601,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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[3] A/56/887/Add.6.

[4] A/56/763.

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 344,966,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 28,747,175 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 24,931,500 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 2,077,625 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 22,968,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 1,819,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 142,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

15. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 66,538,000 dollars and their respective share of other income of 29,041,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

16. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 66,538,000 dollars and other income of 29,041,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Decides further* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 5,171,500 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/715/Add.1)*]

56/296. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor,[1] the related note by the Secretary-General[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the latest of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the Transitional Administration and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/249 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as of 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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[1] A/56/890, A/56/922 and A/56/932 and Corr.1.

[2] A/56/947.

[3] A/56/887 and A/56/945. See also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee*, 58th meeting (A/C.5/56/SR.58), and corrigendum.

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the trust fund for the multinational force,

Also noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 101 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-five Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

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[4] A/56/945. See also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee*, 58th meeting (A/C.5/56/SR.58), and corrigendum.

Financial performance report for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

9. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[5]

Final disposition of assets for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

10. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Transitional Administration;[6]

11. *Approves* the donation of assets to the Government of East Timor;

Financing for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

12. *Decides* that the expenditure for the period from 21 May to 30 June 2002 for the transitional financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor will be met from the appropriation of 455 million dollars for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 provided for in its resolution 56/249;

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 80,096,775 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002, representing the balance of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 that has not been apportioned (53 million dollars) and the balance of the amount previously apportioned under its resolution 56/249 that was subject to the extension of the mandate of the Transitional Administration (27,096,775 dollars), in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,037,502 dollars for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002, representing the estimated staff assessment income that has not yet been set off in respect of the amount previously apportioned;

Budget estimates for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

15. *Decides* to continue to use the Special Account established in accordance with resolution 54/246 A for the Transitional Administration for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, beginning on 1 July 2002;

16. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor the amount of 305,242,700 dollars for the period

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[5] A/56/922.

[6] A/56/890.

from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 292 million dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission, 11,825,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and 1,416,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 305,242,700 dollars at a monthly rate of 25,436,891 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002 and 2003, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,150,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, at a monthly rate of 845,891 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,414,200 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 1,610,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 126,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

19. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 35,412,100 dollars and their respective share of other income of 29,140,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

20. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 35,412,100 dollars and other income of 29,140,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Decides* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 2,504,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/980)*]

56/297. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recalling also its resolution 45/260 of 3 May 1991 on the financing of the Observation Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/261 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 13 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-four Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other

[1] A/56/794 and Corr.1 and A/56/820.
[2] A/56/887 and Add.5.

Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its continued appreciation* of the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observation Mission in full and on time;

6. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Observation Mission;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observation Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Observation Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[4]

[3] A/56/887/Add.5.

[4] A/56/794 and Corr.1.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of 52,866,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 50,573,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Observation Mission, 2,048,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 245,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation[5]

15. *Notes with appreciation* that a two-thirds share of the appropriation, equivalent to 35,244,600 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, this amount to be partially offset by its share of the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of 1,685,900 dollars;

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 17,622,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 1,468,516 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, and subject to review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Observation Mission;

17. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 842,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 70,233 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 742,600 dollars approved for the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 92,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 7,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

18. *Decides further* that, taking into account the unencumbered balance of 2,636,200 dollars and other income of 3,949,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 878,730 dollars and their respective share of other income of 1,316,330 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

19. *Decides* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 878,730 dollars and other income of 1,316,330 dollars in respect of the

[5] See the note by the Secretary-General, issued under the symbol A/C.5/56/47, regarding paragraphs 15 to 21.

financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides also* that, taking into account the decrease in the staff assessment income of 218,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, there shall be set off among Member States the amount of 72,960 dollars against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Decides further* that, taking into account the voluntary contribution of the Government of Kuwait in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, two thirds of the unencumbered balance of 1,757,470 dollars and other income of 2,632,670 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait, these amounts to be partially offset by its share in the decrease in staff assessment income in the amount of 145,940 dollars in the Tax Equalization Fund;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Observation Mission;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)", the sub-item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/990)*]

56/298. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1406 (2002) of 30 April 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/262 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 50 million United States dollars, representing some 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only nineteen Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and

[1] A/56/818 and A/56/826.

[2] A/56/887 and A/56/946.

urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 43,412,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 41,529,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,681,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 201,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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[3] A/56/946.

[4] A/56/818.

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 43,412,900 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,617,742 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,288,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 274,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,041,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 229,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 18,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

16. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,327,737 dollars and other income of 2,482,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

17. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,327,737 dollars and other income of 2,482,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Decides further* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 465,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above;

19. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

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56/299. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1186 (1998) of 21 July 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 28 February 1999,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/275 of 15 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

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[1] A/56/842.

[2] A/56/887.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.2 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and thirty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

8. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation provided for in its resolution 53/20 B of 8 June 1999 of 183,730 dollars for the liquidation of the Force in respect of the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999 to the amount of 172,000 dollars;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 172,000 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, and as adjusted by the General Assembly in subsequent resolutions and decisions for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999 in respect of the period 1998–2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 96,000 dollars approved for the liquidation of the Force in respect of the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999;

11. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the amount of 172,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance of 7,059,600 dollars;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the amount of 172,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance of 7,059,600 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Decides further* that staff assessment income in the amount of 96,000 dollars from the total staff assessment income of 174,100 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 11 and 12 above;

14. *Decides* that 18,237,935 dollars shall be credited to Member States;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an updated report on the financial position of the Force in one year;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".

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